
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "motorcycle" to read as
3 follows:

4 ""Motorcycle" means:

- 5 (1) Every motor vehicle that has a handlebar and seating
6 that requires the operator to straddle or sit astride
7 on it and is designed to travel on [~~not~~] no more than
8 three wheels in contact with the ground, but excludes
9 a farm tractor and a moped; or
- 10 (2) Every motor vehicle that has a steering wheel or
11 handlebar and seating that does not require the
12 operator to straddle or sit astride on it, [~~and~~] is
13 designed to travel on three wheels in contact with the
14 ground, and is called an autocycle, which is certified
15 by the manufacturer to comply with all applicable
16 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as of the date
17 of manufacture."



1 SECTION 2. Section 286-81, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 "(c) A safety helmet shall not be required for any person
4 who operates or rides as a passenger on a motorcycle or motor
5 scooter; provided that the motorcycle or motor scooter:

6 (1) Has three wheels;

7 (2) Is powered by an electric motor;

8 (3) Has a roll bar, roll cage, or full body enclosed cab;
9 and

10 (4) Has a seat belt assembly or a child restraint system
11 for the driver and passenger;

12 and the operator and passenger uses the seat belt or child
13 restraint system pursuant to sections 291-11.5 and 291-11.6."

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Transportation; Electric Powered Vehicles; Three Wheels;
Autocycles

Description:

Includes autocycles equipped with handlebars in the definition of motorcycle in the Hawaii Safety Act. Exempts motorcycles and motor scooters with a roll bar or roll cage from the safety helmet requirement. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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